We want Brookstone students to be avid, life-long lovers of reading, and we work hard during the school year to build a culture that celebrates reading, being read to, and talking about books. We could not do this without your support of reading at home throughout the year, and summer is the perfect time to grow the joy, the magic, and the love of reading!

Reading together and talking about books builds a sense of community, a bond that supports all of the work we do together. This summer, we invite our parents to join our reading community with our 2nd and 3rd Grade common summer read. In *The Undefeated*, New York Times best-selling and multiple award winning author, Kwame Alexander, and two-time Caldecott Medal illustrator honoree, Kadir Nelson, create a powerful ode to black American triumph and tribulation.

Winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal  
A 2020 Newbery Honor Book  
Winner of the 2020 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award

Originally performed for ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world’s greatest heroes. The text is also peppered with references to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others, offering deeper insights into the accomplishments of the past, while bringing stark attention to the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present.

Our 3rd Grade teachers have also chosen these children’s favorites for your child to choose from this summer. Each child should read at least one of these titles in preparation for Book Club discussions in August. We hope these are just the beginning of your child’s summer reading, so we’ve also included links to more lists of great reads for your child to enjoy!

*Ivy and Bean (Book 1)* by Annie Barrows-- The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn’t be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister, Nancy, and has to hide quickly, Ivy comes to the rescue, proving that sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other.
The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling-- In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate!

A-Z Mysteries: The Ninth Nugget by Ron Roy-- N is for Nugget... Howdy from Montana, pardners! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are spending a week at a dude ranch. When they pan for gold, Josh finds a huge nugget. But gold fever has struck, and soon the nugget is stolen. It’s up to the kids to round up the thief.

Amazing Animal Journeys by Laura March (National Geographic Kids)-- Every year like clockwork, animals both big and small are driven by a natural instinct to move, in order to survive. On both land and sea, they fight the odds and the forces of nature to breed, feed, or lead and carry on for future generations. This reader is an introduction to the treacherous trek of the zebra, walrus, and Christmas Island red crab to overcome obstacles that include hungry cheetahs, stinging yellow crazy ants, and even their fellow species to make the often impossible journey of their lives.

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl-- Someone's been stealing from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief—it's Fantastic Mr. Fox! Working alone they could never catch him; but now fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they're not dealing with just any fox—Mr. Fox would rather die than surrender. Only the most fantastic plan can save him now.

Additional Resources for Children’s Literature

This list of Award Winning books is by no means exhaustive or complete, but merely suggestions that children may find enjoyable and of the appropriate level.
Great Independent Reads for Rising 3rd Grade Students:  

Caldecott Award Winners and Honor Books:  
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/caldecottmedal

Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books:  
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal

Coretta Scott King Award Winners:  

Georgia Children's Book Award:  

Nonfiction Book Lists:  
http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/kids-non-fiction  

Online Books:  
Epic Books for Kids-- https://www.getepic.com

Books for Girls:  
http://www.randomhouse.com/rhpg/promos/greatbooks/booklist.html  
http://school.familyeducation.com/reading/fiction/37735.html

Books for Boys:  
https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/

James Patterson’s Read, Kiddo, Read:  http://www.readkiddoread.com

Children’s Magazines:  
COBBLESTONE  
ODYSSEY  
FACES  
MUSE  
CRICKET  
RANGER RICK
BRAINSPACE
DIG INTO HISTORY
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
KID'S AMERICAN GIRL

**Online Magazines for Kids:**
https://www.sikids.com
http://teachingkidsnews.com/
http://www.timeforkids.com/
http://www.dogonews.com/
http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/